

Appl. No. 09/917,522

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Claims 1, 15 and 33 have been amended. Claims 2-4, 6-14, 16-32, 34-36 and 38-46 stand as previously presented.

Claims 1-4, 6-36 and 38-46 were considered in the Office Action.

Claims 1-10, 15, 17-23, 33-42 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adams, U.S. Patent 6,401,222 B1. Claims 28-33 are allowed. Claims 11-14, 16, 24-27 and 43-45 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 15 and 33 have been amended to state that the masked DMA channel or request line has a higher priority than that of the floppy disk controller or operation. As indicated by the Examiner in paragraph 5 of the Office Action mailed October 13, 2004, this is not disclosed or suggested by the cited prior art. The Applicant believes that the currently pending claims are allowable for at least this reason, and respectfully requests the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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